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## Main Street may get a 24-unit complex

2 existing structures would be demolished if it is built

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Glenn Safadago of GBH Holdings, who was behind a three-story, nine-unit apartment building on Edmonds Street and Third Avenue North, and who decided not to provide on-site parking for tenants (allowed under existing Edmonds code), is now on to a new project.

GBH Holdings is proposing a 24-unit apartment building at 605 and 611 Main St. Twenty-four parking spaces would be provided below the building. Two complexes would be demolished to make way for the apartments.

Safadago co-founded PriceDoc, a website providing consumers discounted prices and reduced fees on health-care procedures. It was later purchased by Health Care International.

So far, two Edmonds residents have provided comments against the proposal. A public hearing on the apartments Wednesday, Jan. 5, took place after The Beacon's deadline. (The Beacon will provide an update at edmondsbeacon.com.)

Architect Phillip Frisk of PWF Architecture, representing property owner GBH Holdings, submitted a design review application for the site, located within the Downtown Business (Downtown Mixed Commercial), BD2, zone (downtown mixed commercial).

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## Final answer: \$500/month for 4 months

11 of 16 restaurants have already paid for streaterly extension

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The long saga over how much restaurants should pay to keep their streateries in the public right of way appears to be over.

(See previous Edmonds Beacon story at bit.ly/3JDEg8h for detailed background information.)

On Tuesday, Jan. 4, the City Council approved a new ordinance to collect \$500 a month through April 30 from the 16 restaurants with temporary structures, for a total of \$2,000. (Kelnero took its down earlier.)

After that date, restaurants are allowed a grace period through May 15 to take down their structures.

At this week's meeting, Councilmember Kristiana Johnson disclosed that 11 restaurants had already paid the \$4,000 fee passed Dec. 16, and which was due Dec. 31.

Tuesday's action cut the fee in half, mean-

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## Brave new year A 2022 plunge into chilly Puget Sound

Beacon photo by Brian Soergel

The water was cold. The air was colder. But there were plenty of smiles and laughter during the Polar Bear Plunge at Brackett's Landing North.

The 15th annual Polar Plunge at Brackett's Landing North in Edmonds wasn't as crowded at the record number of folks in 2020.

Because snow and COVID.

But it was a great event enjoyed by all. It was all started by Brian Taylor of Daphnes on Main Street. This year featured a special guest: Daphne Loney, a friend and the bar's name-

sake, visiting from New Orleans for her first plunge.

Said Taylor: "Louise Favier, my business partner, and I were sitting at the table one night shortly after leasing 415½ Main St. Daphne's photo happened to be on the refrigerator, and the rest is history."

See more pictures on page 6 and on Beacon's Facebook page.

## 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

Photos by Brian Soergel unless otherwise indicated

Although there have been many blessings this year, the coronavirus and its variants continue to change the way we live. Here, in the second part of our annual review, are just a few of the stories the Beacon reported on in 2021 – the good, the bad, and the ugly – from July through December.

### July

## Residents deal with searing heatwave

Edmonds resident Robert Calhoun de-



A woman enjoys the summer heatwave at Brackett's Landing North in Edmonds.

ecided to take a mini-vacation from the heat this past weekend, which peaked on Monday with desert-like temperatures hovering close to 100 with little or no breeze.

Like many of his Edmonds neighbors, he booked a few days at Best Western Harbor Inn in Edmonds for the air conditioning and the hotel's cool pool.

"I just can't take it when it gets this hot," he said. "I don't have air conditioning."

Others beat the heat – although only temporarily – by heading to what became known as "cooling shelters." Those included the Edmonds Library and Edmonds Waterfront Center.

## Boom city: Explosion shakes Edmonds

Joe Pipinich lives on Sixth Avenue North, just two houses from the site of a violent explosion Tuesday on Sixth Avenue North that shattered windows, shook houses, and could be heard from the Edmonds fishing pier through downtown and to those leisurely playing petanque at Civic Field,

"I was doing a home improvement project in my backyard, and my dog

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was there," Pipinich said. "He had just gotten over the fireworks on July 4. It sounded like a bomb."

Edmonds Police Sgt. Josh McClure traced the 11:25 a.m. explosion to a U-Haul van in the parking lot of the Edmonds Center for the Arts. There were propane tanks in the truck, but McClure said police and the fire marshal have not determined that the tanks were the cause, and are investigating, as is the federal Bureau of Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

## Mayor announces \$11.8M plan

Mayor Mike Nelson wants to use federal funds to provide household, business, and nonprofit support.

The City's allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), enacted by Congress and signed by President Joe Biden this spring, is \$11.8 million.

"COVID has had a huge impact on many residents and businesses in our community that will not be fixed overnight," Nelson said in a news release. "It is crucial we help those most in need to assist in getting them up and running again. I am eager to put forward my ARPA proposals to City Council."

## 'Utter disrespect for citizens' point of view'

Mayor Mike Nelson and city councilmembers got two hours of comments – frequently heated – from citizens at Tuesday's council meeting, many expressing their frustration at the Edmonds Citizens Housing Commission's recommendations that could bring more den-

sity to the city that consists primarily of single-family housing.

The full audience at the City's second hybrid meeting – both in council chambers and online – was delayed for more than 40 minutes due to technical issues (the meeting had to switch to Zoom as it could not be seen on TV or on the City website), filling an already packed council chamber with fidgety and frustrated participants.

## August

## New law lays out guidelines for use of physical force

On July 25, Edmonds police officers rushed to a 911 call about a man kicking in a home's door. Soon after, an officer spied a suspect walking on a nearby street who matched dispatch's description. The officer trailed him in his squad car.

The suspect suddenly took off, and the officer could only watch as he ran away. Police did not locate the man.

That same day, a dozen police reform bills Washington state legislators passed this spring became law.

According to Sgt. Josh McClure, Edmonds' acting assistant chief of police, the officer chose not to command the man to stop because of one of those laws: House Bill 1310, which concerns "permissible use of force by law enforcement and correctional officers."

## Ferry fares on the increase again

You didn't expect ferry fares to go down,

right? When the Washington State Transportation Commission announced a 2.5% across-the-board ferry fare increase – for both vehicles and walk-on passengers – on Aug. 10, it wasn't much of a surprise. It had no choice – the fares are set to meet requirements of the transportation budget passed by the 2021 Legislature.

The budget requires \$377 million to be generated from fares over the two-year budget timeframe – July 1, 2021-June 30, 2023 – resulting in a need for an additional \$9.2 million in fare revenues.

## City is not pushing pause on portal

Petty crime within the animal kingdom – we're looking at you, seagulls – isn't exactly the most pressing issue in Edmonds and it likely isn't one beachgoers reported to the city government or entered into the official public record.

Until now, that is. For the past month, a page containing a form to report incidents of bias, discrimination, or hate has lived on the City of Edmonds website. During that time, the City has received numerous reports through this online portal.

As of last Thursday, however, only one of those submissions appears to have been made in earnest, according to Economic Development and Community Services Director Patrick Doherty.

## At last: Michelle Bennett named police chief

Michelle Bennett no longer has "acting" in front of her police chief title.

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## Brackett's Landing in Edmonds closed to swimming, diving

*Closure is a precautionary measure*

Due to heavy rainfall causing above normal flow at the wastewater treatment plant, the Snohomish Health District has restricted recreational water activities in the Brackett's Landing beach areas until further notice out of an abundance of caution.

According to a City of Edmonds news release, the district has posted closure notices for both Brackett's Landing North and South, including the Edmonds Underwater Park, effective immediately.

Brackett's Landing North was the site of the annual Polar Bear Plunge New Year's Day.

Marina Beach and the off-leash dog park further south are not impacted.

"Since Brackett's Landing is a conservation area, pets should not be in those waters and recreational shellfish harvesting is already restricted. Until further notice, divers and swimmers should avoid this area," said Jeff Hutchison, the Safe Environments Supervisor for the Snohomish Health District.

"We appreciate the City of Edmonds' quick action and partnership with us and Ecology."

The Snohomish Health District works closely with State of Washington Department of Ecology's Beach Environmental Assessment, Communication & Health (BEACH) program.

Brackett's Landing has been marked as "closed" on its BEACH program website. Visit the Snohomish Health District's website to learn more about how it works to protect the water quality of Snohomish County's lakes, rivers and the Puget Sound waterfront.

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The storm that began Dec. 26 produced large waves, such as this one slamming into the seawall at Olympic Beach. It also brought snow.

Photos courtesy of Janine Harles

# Mayor calls for overhaul of City's snow response plan

BY BRIAN SOERGEL  
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The first snow of winter Dec. 26 brought treacherous driving conditions and some delays on the roads.

But it also brought a chance for some great pictures.

Although there were complaints, the City's street and storm manager, Tod Moles, said last week that the street maintenance group was in its "standard operating procedure."

That involved plowing, sanding – with a salt and sand mixture – and other measures in a round-the-clock rotation of 12-hour shift with City snowplows, sanding trucks, and other incident response and assist vehicles.

That's not good enough for Mayor Mike Nelson.

After the bout of significant snow and extended freezing temperatures, Mike Nelson said he is committed to updating the City's snow response plan.

"Our dedicated public works crews have worked day and night plowing snow that has refused to melt because of the extended freezing weather," Nelson said in a news release.

"Like you, my streets haven't been plowed either. I, too, have been frustrated with the sheer amount of snow that has made it difficult to travel in our community. With our climate crisis, weather events like this snowstorm are likely to increase in frequency and strength in the near future."

Nelson said he has asked Acting Public Works Director Rob English to completely reassess the City's snow removal plan.

"This will include examining if we need more equipment, more staff, or more routes to effectively respond to these anticipated changes to winter weather," he said.

Nelson added that updating the current plan will also include identifying the most current practices of snow removal that can be utilized while weighing the environmental impacts of those techniques.



Downtown Edmonds on Dec. 26. Main Street is one of the city's main arterials that is first plowed.



Sleds and anything that could slide you down a hill were abundant during Edmonds' snow event.

"We need to review our sand and salt mixture but must be cautious because salt is toxic to the fish and wildlife of Puget Sound."

With the recent storm, the City of Edmonds Street Maintenance group began their snow response on Dec. 25 with plowing, sanding (salt/sand mixture), and other measures initiated in a round-the-clock rotation of 12-hour shifts with City snowplows, sanding

trucks, and other incident response and assist vehicles.

Two plows were operating 24 hours a day with a third plow working 14 hours a day. Over 400 tons of sand and 3,000 gallons of anti-ice product were applied to City roads. Throughout the inclement weather, the City's fleet maintenance crew kept all vehicles up and running.

The current plan can be viewed online: <https://bit.ly/3ESCVH6>.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Ballard is coming!

Ballard, anyone? Kirkland? That's just two of the printable thoughts no doubt in the minds of Edmonds residents who for years have pushed to keep downtown Edmonds unique to the area. That is, quaint and speaking to its charm as one of Snohomish County's oldest cities.

On that point, residents and tourists seem to agree. But if you know the rules and have enough money, there's always a way to get what you want.

Real estate developer Glenn Safadago knows the rules. Safadago is behind GBH Holdings. He built a three-story, nine-unit apartment building on Edmonds Street and Third Avenue North in 2018.

EDITOR'S NOTE



BY BRIAN SOERGEL  
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After researching City code, Safadago discovered he did not have to provide on-site parking for tenants. The City was apparently not up-to-date on that point in its code.

"I was actually surprised," then-Development Services Director Shane Hope told The Beacon. "I didn't think it could be that we had any apartments approved of with no parking on site."

Added Councilmember Diane Buckshnis: "I was shocked when I got the email on this. You would think that a residential facility would have to have on-site parking."

But as a result of its location within the city, the future apartment's site had a loophole. Its location fell under a unique code within the downtown business zoning district of Edmonds that allowed for the apartment development.

Edmonds Municipal Code 16.43.030.D.3 stated that "no parking is required for any floor area in any building with a total building footprint of less than 4,800 square feet."

As we said, Safadago knows the rules. And he's using them on his next big project.

GBH Holdings is proposing a new 24-unit apartment building at 605 and 611 Main St. Twenty-four parking spaces would be provided below the building. Two complexes would be demolished to make way for the apartments.

You know the location. A small house sits on the northeast corner of Sixth and Main. Directly to its east are two commercial buildings: Bench and Board is at 605 Main, with law offices, medical services, and other businesses taking up the building at 611 Main.

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GUESTVIEW

Have your say on 24-unit building on Main Street

Support our community by speaking up against the application for the 24-unit apartment building at 605 and 611 Main Street with only one parking stall per unit.

Many have already let their feelings known Jan. 4 at the City Council meeting and Jan. 5 during the Board Zoom open house.

- You can:
- E-mail the council at council@edmondswa.gov
  - E-mail Mayor Mike Nelson's assistant at Carolyn.lafave@edmondswa.gov
  - E-mail the Architectural Design Board at michael.clugston@edmondswa.gov, and ask that your e-mail be put on record.

GUESTVIEW



BY LYNDA FIREMAN  
EDMONDS RESIDENT

This is just the beginning of what our historic downtown and Edmonds will look like if this goes through. Do you want Main Street and others lined with a tunnel of these buildings? There will be eight businesses that will be displaced, many women-owned, by this apartment, providing no business space in our small business district.

The developer even admitted on public record: "Structures on the adjacent parcels do not support the intensity of development under the current zoning and comprehensive plan and are anticipated to eventually be replaced with higher-density development. The proposed project is seen as a guide for future redevelopment allowed and encouraged by the comprehensive plan."

The proposed apartment building is designed to go straight up, three stories tall, against the lot-line on the narrow alley between Main and Bell. The entire west side of our building (600 Bell) is along the back of this building on the alley.

All the buildings along the alley have setbacks to allow for extra cars and car/pedestrian access safety.

This development will have none of that and traffic will leak over onto our property setbacks. If you live on an alley or easement, this is potentially could be the "guide" to do it everywhere.

This proposed development is 14 feet from lot line to lot line and 23.5 feet from our condo to a straight up, three-story concrete wall, blocking all light, privacy and view. A zero-lot line design covering 99% of the lots with no open space.

Is this the future buildings we want in Edmonds? Citizens have a say in this.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Airbnb coming to Main Street?

Regarding 24-unit apartment complex planned for Main Street: IMO, this carbuncle on Main Street will basically be an Airbnb or another short-term rental investment for the buyers of the units.

Bob Sears  
Edmonds

Inappropriate Police Beat headline

The Dec. 16 issue of the Police Beat column with a heading of "Meow," referencing harassing phone calls between two women, was inappropriate. It is sexually demeaning to women.

Charlie Cordova  
Edmonds

Editor's note: The Beacon has consistently made light of both women and men who land in the Police Beat. We don't attach certain headlines to serious cases, such as domestic violence, but we hope other headlines are taken with a bit of levity.

Appreciates writer's stories

I have been enjoying the contributions of Manya Vee in the Edmonds Beacon. Manya has a lively writing style, hooking me with the first line of each of her Sheroes profiles. I appreciate learning about the extraordinary activities of the ordinary folks around us.

In her "Like a Girl" column, the story of the ambivalent robin invited me to consider a number of puzzling possibilities. Gentle but firm intervention helped that robin get unstuck and fly "as far away as possible," and I reflected on my own tendency for getting stuck and literally needing a little push to move on.

I look forward to more of Manya's fresh perspectives.

Paul Kandel  
Edmonds

Remembering Bridget Hanley and Camp Fire Girls

I am writing to express my thanks to the Edmonds Beacon for Brian Soergel's article about Bridget Hanley's passing ("Bridget Hanley dies; family donated Log Cabin to the city," Dec. 22).

Ms. Hanley Swackhamer was very generous with her time and talent, and in 1969 when Camp Fire Girls held a celebration at Seattle Center's Coliseum for its 50th year in Seattle and western Washington, Bridget performed with her co-star Bobby Sherman as Event Highliners.

I think I was 13 at the time. Bridget Hanley was so

poised and talented in her own right, though Bobby Sherman was a sort of "teen idol." I still recall Ms. Hanley's grace when the two took the stage for the occasion, for the anniversary celebration.

The Coliseum was packed with young women, and the Camp Fire Girls group leaders from all of King County, including the Eastside. I still have the written program from the day, all these years later!

I extend my sincere condolences to Bridget Hanley Swackhamer's family and friends at this sad time of her death. I will even go so far as to express Camp Fire Seattle's and Camp Fire of Snohomish County's best regards to thank all of Bridget's family for a life well lived.

Jean M. Bray  
Shelton, Wash.

Rotary Club again provides gifts for kids

Every Christmas, the Rotary Club of Edmonds manages four gift-giving trees to support the Snohomish County CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children) and the Volunteer Guardian ad Litem (VGAL) program.

This long-standing Rotary project allows CASA advocates the ability to provide gifts for infants, children or teens who are victims of alleged sexual abuse, physical abuse, or neglect are giving gifts from generous donors.

Mittens are created with the child's name, age, and gift requests which are then placed on four trees at Harbor Square Athletic Club (HSAC), Gallagher's Where-U-Brew (GB), Axis Pharmacy (AP) of Mountlake Terrace and Crucible Brewery (CB) of Everett.

This year, we had a herculean request of 290 requests to fulfill. Miraculously, we fulfilled all requests.

A huge thanks goes to Mr. Jack Tawney and the staff and members of HSAC, who every year maintain the main tree with about 150-plus mittens.

We also wish to thank Chris Dufore and Jesse LaCasse and their crew and patrons of GB; Dick Mergens and Shawn Dowling and their crew and patrons of CB; Tom and Beth Sanger and their staff and clients from AP; and our Rotarians (Noon Club).

We had two large donors this year: \$1,000 from Ms. Sharalyn Ramm, and \$2,300 from Ms. Lorraine Meitzer, that allowed us to buy over 60 gifts request or over 120-plus items.

The generosity of everyone's contributions was overwhelming to those that work this program. We cannot express how much joy and love filled our hearts while we processed these gifts. Special

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Online Poll

Last week's question & results:

The Edmonds Center for the Arts has a big year planned for 2022. Do you plan to attend shows at the Edmonds Center for the Arts next year?  
• 27% Said YES • 73% Said NO

This week's summary:

A developer is looking to add a 24-unit apartment building on Main Street.

This week's poll question:

Do you think the apartment complex

should be allowed in its current form?

We want to know what you think:

Vote online now at www.edmondsbeacon.com and look for the results in the Jan. 13 issue of The Beacon.

# ARTS AND APPETITE

## Jaiiya: A bowl (or more) of goodness

It is 2022! Time is marching on ...

How many restaurants on your route to work or to your favorite shop make you pause and think, "Oh yeah, I really want to try that place?" Well, there is no time like the present.

A spot that I kept meaning to try is one that I drive passed nearly every day: Jaiiya Café, Coffee, and More. Since Jaiiya opened in September 2020, I have heard about their fantastic açai bowls, juices, and coffees, and that only scratches the surface of all there is to enjoy.

It took me a far too long to get there, but it will now be on our permanent rotation for breakfast or brunch.

Walking in the front door, you know you are in a place that cares about the details. The dining area is incredibly bright, with floor-to-ceiling windows, and offers counter seating, some comfy couches and chairs, as well as a few tables.

### ARTS & APPETITE



BY MARIA A. MONTALVO  
EDMONDS FOOD AND ART CONNOISSEUR



Photos courtesy of Maria A. Montalvo

Turkish eggs with turmeric chai at Jaiiya Café in Westgate.

The beautiful baked goods on either side of the front counter are the perfect accompaniment to the sights, sounds, and smells of espresso or cold-pressed juices and smoothies.

On a particularly chilly Saturday morning, we were craving a hearty breakfast, so we took our time considering the extensive menu: toasts, sandwiches, and wraps, and their well-known açai bowls, sweet bowls, and savory bowls.

It took a while because we were distracted by the fruits and veggies being blended or beautifully arranged in a bowl, or the final touches going on various dishes as they reached the counter for pick-up.

The coffees and signature drinks are so thoughtfully created and prepared that you taste their commitment to all they do.

In the end, we settled on the bagel & lox, avocado toast with a poached egg, and the Turkish eggs, along with a French-press coffee, the turmeric chai latte, and a cappuccino. The bagel had that lovely chew and crust to create a perfect bite with the cream cheese and lox.

The fresh bread used to make the toast for both the avocado toast and Turkish eggs is fantastic. Although I will order the avocado toast again, the Turkish eggs were a revelation.

Two poached eggs served atop Greek yogurt and garnished with olive oil and aleppo pepper butter – a beautiful dish for the eyes (the melted butter and oil taking on a rusty hue from the pepper) and taste buds (the herbaceous dill and pepper balancing the creamy yogurt).

We ate slowly, taking in the different flavors of each bite, and contemplated our next orders as we watched dishes come out for the steady stream of to-go and dine-in patrons.

Jaiiya offers such a variety of ingredients, components, and toppings that whatever you order will be exactly what you want (or maybe what you didn't even know could be). They say their goal is to take fresh, local ingredients and turn them into eats and treats that are good for both the body and the soul. They definitely succeed.

Jaiiya's website explains its commitment to fresh and nutrient-rich ingredients. Their menu features tasty options for everyone, from vegans and vegetarians, to those who are gluten-free, and those who just love great, healthy food.

With a place like Jaiiya nearby, we can pick up a juice or smoothie on the way to work, stop in for a warm, comforting meal, or enjoy a great cup of coffee with a friend – all while feeling good about the healthy, wholesome ingredients in every bite.

Jaiiya Café is located in the ground floor of the Village at Westgate at 10032 Edmonds Way. (It is also worth noting that one of the other fantastic restaurants in Edmonds, Ono Poke, is just across the parking lot.)

Go to their [jaiiyacafe.com](http://jaiiyacafe.com) to learn more.



Jaiiya has many specialty drinks to offer at its location in Westgate.

# LIKE A GIRL

## Kindness isn't for suckers

Is kindness for suckers?

It's a good question. Why not? It's January. That time of year for reflection.

And while I know that all may profess publicly that kindness is a virtue, I am also aware that, privately, all too many believe that kindness has little practical value in this world.

I disagree. I know this because of a life lesson learned years ago. In Asia. In my 20s.

It was a picturesque town, the markets filled with spices, the air with two-stroke exhaust.

And cloves. Yes, let's not forget clove cigarettes, aka kreteks, a staple of Java. That sweet taste of every puff. On every street corner, complete with young men sporting silvered tongues and sweet, bashful smiles.

The name of this arts town was Yogya (pronounce the "Y" as a "J"). It was a hot and dusty city on the equator, where locals take two cooling baths a day to stay sane.

This exotic locale was full of throat-choking cars and motorcycles interspersed with bicycle-drawn rickshaws, rickety wooden donkey-drawn carts loaded to overflowing with chickens or watermelons and anything else you can imagine.

And food!

I discovered a favorite meal, opor ayam, on a street beside a scary-looking canal where, for 25 cents, I could get this delicious chicken with its fragrant spices in coconut milk over rice. I was the lone White person in the tiny restaurant, where I practiced using my first Indonesian phrases with the charming chef in her colorful batik sarongs.

This adventure would not be complete without telling where I lived. I was not a tourist, mind. I lived there, made friends, even broke a few hearts there for well over a year.

The house, built in Dutch colonial days, featured an airy, wide front porch, built to withstand the daily, oppressive humidity.

It was on that porch that I learned the virtue – and practical value – of kindness.

As a teacher of English, I met a new group of students every couple of months. I invited some of them over to the house to hang out on our cool-ish front porch with our comfy chairs made, believe it or not, out of tractor tires, to tell stories as we

smoked kreteks.

And, of course, someone was always carrying a guitar. So, we'd break out in song, many of them by American favorites such as Billy Joel or Bob Dylan.

It was picturesque. It was moving. It was wonderful.

Not for everyone, however. My landlady, a Western woman who also lived there, wasn't too keen on my friends coming over. In fact, she made it clear with her pointed glares that they weren't welcome.

So, in the following weeks and months, they came over less and less frequently. My noisily happy home became quiet, friendless, and cold.

At first, I felt resentful of her and wanted to keep my distance from her. However, I was in Java all by myself. It's not like I had other friends. Or family, for that matter.

Thus, after living with my anger for quite some time and not liking it very much, I decided that pulling back may well be a luxury that I could not afford.

Instead, I took a different tack. I tried treating her with generosity and kindness.

I ran errands for her, brought her favorite treats, and took time to listen to the tales of her first arrival in Asia and why she chose to stay. I complimented her, and thanked her for taking the lead in finding a home and sharing it with the four of us.

And that's where the magic happened. I was able to watch her slowly transform before my eyes into a softer, gentler woman.

At one point, she even asked me why I wasn't having friends over so often. I told her it was because I thought she didn't like it, and I wanted to honor her wishes. She scoffed and encouraged me to invite them back.

And they did! All my friends returned to visiting regularly. Again, we whiled away the hours on that airy, large porch, singing songs, telling stories, and enjoying our fragrant kreteks.

Over time, my home in this far away distant land became one of the warmest, happiest I have ever known. I lost track of that landlady after leaving Yogya. As far as I know, she planned to stay there the rest of her life. I hope she's happy wherever she is.

Then, too, it goes without saying that I shall never forget how patience and kindness transformed her life.

So, in this time of reflection, be sure to include the use of kindness.

It's not just for suckers.

### from SOERGEL page 4

The three structures are in the downtown mixed commercial zone. But the zone does not extend further east downtown from 611 Main.

So, yes, by the rules.

But are the apartments right for Edmonds? (Your call.) Can the City do anything about the proposed apartments? (Probably not.) Will the City get boosted tax revenue? (Certainly).

The City's Architectural Review Board is now looking into the proposal, and on Jan. 5 held a public meeting for citizens to sound off.

What can the board recommend to City administration and the City Council?

It may be pie-in-the-sky thinking here, but how about requesting a design change from the ubiquitous boxy, fake balcony look? Drive along I-5. Yes, go to Ballard and Kirkland. The design is no doubt

cheaper for developers, but does Edmonds have to follow the blueprint of other cities?

One thing the City will do is follow through on impact fees, one-time fees designed to offset the financial impact a new development places on public infrastructure. Development, building, and any other pre-construction fees are not enough.

The park impact fee for multifamily dwellings is currently \$2,340.16 per unit, while other fees are smaller. (See <https://bit.ly/3zcufH>).

The City can also look into a multifamily property tax exemption, which provides a tax break on eligible multifamily housing in exchange for income- and rent-restricted units.

But does anyone think even those units would be affordable for the average renter?

So, alas to most, but a mad rush for those who can afford an apart-

ment in the heart of downtown, this seems to be the wave of the future in Edmonds.

But does it have to be inevitable? Choose your elected officials wisely. Pepper them with questions on building heights, on zoning regulations, on the city you call home.

You might not like the City's code and what developers are allowed to do.

But you could, and should, give them a piece of your mind.

### News Tips

The Beacon invites readers to share story tips and ideas. If you see or know of some news deserving of coverage, email Editor Brian Soergel at [edmondseditor@yourbeacon.net](mailto:edmondseditor@yourbeacon.net) or call the newsroom at 425-347-5634 ext. 235.

### Corrections

In the Guest View from Dec. 29, "Sno-Isle budget includes updates, express lockers," Luke Distelhorst's title was incorrect. He is board president of the Sno-Isle Library Foundation. The Beacon strives to write fair and accurate stories and will run corrections when warranted. Contact Editor Brian Soergel at [edmondseditor@yourbeacon.net](mailto:edmondseditor@yourbeacon.net)

### Sudoku solution

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# The great Polar Plunge of 2022



The 15th Polar Plunge drew plenty of brave souls to Brackett's Landing North. Clockwise, from top left: There were lots of smiles from those returning from their plunges, as well as hearty congratulations. A plunger with his pink flamingo floater. Beach master Edith Farrar would go on to blow the whistle to signal the start of the 2022 Polar Bear Plunge. Some looked on as the action unfolded, while others took photos. A man and woman exchange high-ten congratulations. Louise Favier, left, and Daphne Loney return to shore. Josh and Karen Byeman jumped in the water with their daughter Ava, 7. Plunge founder Brian Taylor, right, with his wife, Louise Favier, Daphne Loney, and son Jack.



Beacon photos by  
**Brian Soergel**



## A&EBRIEFS

### How about year-round farmers markets?

It's a reality now in Edmonds, as the City will hold its first Edmonds Winter Market beginning Saturday, Jan. 29, in honor of the lunar new year, according to Valerie Claypool of 247 Events, who contracts with the City on the Holiday Market.

It will be held on Fifth Avenue North in front of City Hall and the Edmonds Museum from noon to 4:30 p.m.

The once-a-month market will also be held 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 26, March 26, and April 30.

Other activities are scheduled during the markets, Claypool said.

Several vendors have already signed on, including Firetrail Farms, Little Jamie's Mini Donuts, Bedrock Industries, Slick Chick Jewelry, and Mayko Land Coffee, among others.

More vendors will be announced as they come on board.

Edmonds now has the Garden Market from May to the second Saturday in June and the Summer Market the third Saturday in June through the second Saturday in October. Both are put on by the Edmonds Historical Museum.

The City of Edmonds puts on the Holiday Market, which recently concluded its seventh season. It runs from the first Saturday in November through the last Saturday before Christmas Day.

This year, the City also debuted the Uptown Edmonds Evening Market during three Saturdays in July, August, and September.

### Clam Chowder

#### Cook-Off canceled for 2nd year

The Edmonds Chamber of Commerce's Clam Chowder Cook-Off, typically held in

January, has been canceled for the second straight year. The last event came in 2020, just before the pandemic started.

According to Chamber President and CEO Greg Urban, the cancellation is for several reasons:

A small indoor space with lots of people; staffing shortages at restaurants; supply shortages for restaurants; and uncertainty about COVID restrictions and case counts at the end of February.

### Edmonds history calendar returns

Edmonds history buffs can rejoice.

There is a new Historic Edmonds Calendar for 2022, available for pickup at City Hall, Frances Anderson Center, and the Edmonds Historical Museum.

The last calendar, "Transportation," was in 2019.



Once again, the calendar – this year with the theme of "Then and Now" – is free. If you are interested in reserving one or more copies of the calendar, email [planningcommission@edmondswa.gov](mailto:planningcommission@edmondswa.gov) or call 425-771-0220.

### Gallery North: 'In With the New'

Gallery North's January show, "In With



Photo courtesy of Gallery North

Kuria Jorissen's "Ocean of Stars" is among her works at Gallery North.

the New," will highlight two new members from 2021: Yasuko Nakamura and Kuria Jorissen.

Yasuko Nakamura is a fantasy artist, mixing concepts and aesthetics of the East and West in her work. Watercolor is her favorite medium, though she enjoys black and white drawings, and digital painting as well.

Kuria Jorissen's show spotlights her interest in astrophotography. Often traveling to far off wilderness areas, Kuria does most of her work from midnight to 4 a.m. Jorissen focuses on studying new techniques for capturing and editing photos, planning tools, astronomy, and the lesser known stories of the stars. A reception is 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, and 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20.

Gallery North is at 401 Main St.

### Cascade Symphony hosts cellist Nathan Chan

Classical cellist Nathan Chan will be the

featured soloist when the Cascade Symphony Orchestra – under the direction of maestro Michael Miropolsky – performs its next concert.

"From the New World" is Monday, Jan. 10, featuring the musical works of Russian composers Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, as well as Czech composer Antonin Dvorak.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Edmonds Center for the Arts, 410 Fourth Ave. North.

A pre-concert lecture at 6:30 p.m. by KING-FM radio personality Dave Beck will preview the musical highlights for the evening.

A member of the Seattle Symphony, Chan has performed as a soloist with the San Francisco Symphony, the Royal Philharmonic, Albany Symphony, Reno Philharmonic, and Hong Kong Chamber Orchestra.

Tickets and info: [www.cascadesymphony.org](http://www.cascadesymphony.org).



Photo courtesy of Diana Scheel

From 2019: Jeff Barnett, left, owner of Salish Sea Brewing Company, won for best booth and best cutting-edge chowder.



Nathan Chan

### Charitable gifts can still provide tax benefits



Deanne V. Bilsborough  
Financial Advisor

It's the season of giving – and your gifts to charitable groups will be much appreciated. And when you give, you can also get something back: tax benefits.

For one thing, if you donate appreciated stocks to a qualified charity, you'll avoid the capital gains taxes you'd have to pay if you sold the stocks, provided you've held them at least a year. If you itemize, you can also deduct the full value of the stock.

Even if you don't itemize, you can take a deduction of \$300, or \$600 for married couples filing jointly, for cash gifts given directly to a charity. This benefit expires this year, though, so you'll need to make your gift before the end of December.

And if you're 70½ or older, you can move up to \$100,000 per year from your IRAs to a charitable organization, thereby avoiding the taxes you'd have to pay when you start taking required withdrawals from these accounts.

Supporting a worthy charity is a good way to help celebrate the holiday season. And if your generosity earns you some tax benefits, it's a win for everyone.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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## Christmas came early at the Edmonds Waterfront Center

They came wearing holiday and Seahawks colors for the Senior Center's traditional Christmas luncheon combined with Twelve Days of Goodness Blue Friday with the Seahawks at the Waterfront Center.

A record 127 senior lunches were served (daily average is 42). One beaming member told me, "The meal was just like the one my mother used to make me."

More than 100 additional lunches or-

dered were served to community members dining for lunch at the Potlatch Bistro. Adding to the festive spirit was the always entertaining Seahawks' mascot Blitz.

The visit from the Seahawks retired players Edwin Bailey and Alonzo Mitz was part of Answers for Elders. For the past six years Answers for Elders has teamed up with the Seattle Seahawks Legends for 12 Days of Goodness, visiting seniors around Greater Puget Sound.

"It has been a highly anticipated tradition each year at the Center," said EWC Social

& Recreation Program Director Michelle Burke. "It's always a hit."

EWC still has Seahawks yearbooks available at the reception desk at the Waterfront Center, free while supplies last.

About the Edmonds Waterfront Center: The new Edmonds Waterfront Center, owned by the Edmonds Senior Center, operates as a multi-generational activity center on the weekdays and rental venue on the weekends.

– Daniel Johnson,  
Edmonds Waterfront Center

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From left: Alice Rundle, Seahawks mascot Blitz, Michelle Burke.

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Jan. 12

St. Alban's food distribution

3-4:30 p.m. Working with the Edmonds Food Bank, St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Edmonds is hosting a monthly distribution point to provide food to those in need in the local community. On the second Wednesday of each month, the Food Bank brings a truck to the church's parking lot and provides staples to those who drive up for assistance. Anyone in need of food can select items from the available choices of staples, produce, and meat. There are no requirements for registration or identification. Even though the event is held outside, pandemic protocols are being observed and visitors are encouraged to wear masks. 21405 82nd Place West. Info: 425-778-0371.

Jan. 13

Latino advocacy prayer meeting

7 p.m. A night to pray, read scripture, and hear from Latino advocacy focusing on racial justice and immigrant rights. Edmonds Lutheran Church, 23525 84th Ave. W, Edmonds.

Jan. 20

Benjamin Schmitt: "The Saints of Capitalism"

6 p.m. Benjamin Schmitt's newest collection of poetry, "The Saints of Capitalism," is featured in a virtual event on Facebook Live. Schmitt will read from his new work and answer questions about his life and writing, in conversation with Brian Langston and Karla Mancero. Edmonds Bookshop, 111 Fifth Ave. S, Edmonds.



AROUNDTOWN

Jan. 22

Mukilteo Polar Bear Plunge

The sixth annual Sound Salmon Solutions Jump In for Salmon Polar Bear Plunge returns to Mukilteo Lighthouse Park. Participants will pre-register for a timeslot at either 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon or 1 p.m. and each timeslot is limited to the first 25 participants. For more information and to register go to the New Year's Polar Bear Plunge tab at <http://www.soundsalmonsolutions.org/>. Participants should bring towels, blankets, a change of clothes, and a mask.



Intro to Sumi Painting

11 a.m.-noon. Free. Experience the Japanese art form of Sumi painting in a virtual family art workshop. Experience the flowing techniques of sumi painting while exploring a creative form of self-expression.



Participants will learn the basics of Japanese sumi painting. Presented by Cascadia Art Museum, Edmonds. Register: [bit.ly/3eJoQ3U](http://bit.ly/3eJoQ3U)

Jan. 27

Mukilteo Yacht Club

The Mukilteo Yacht Club holds its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. The club holds two boating cruises per month. Both power boaters and sail boaters are welcome. Membership benefits include reciprocal privileges, camaraderie, and boating advice. For more information or to register for the January meeting, see [www.mukilteoyachtclub.com](http://www.mukilteoyachtclub.com), email [myc@mukilteoyachtclub.com](mailto:myc@mukilteoyachtclub.com) or call 425-553-0095.

Mukilteo Yacht Club meets at Milltown Sailing Association Clubhouse, 410 14th St., at the Port of Everett. Directions: From Marine View Drive in Everett; turn west on 13th Street and follow the blue "yacht club" signs to the gray one-story building south of Boxcar Park.

Jan. 28

Breakfast with an Author Fundraiser

The Mukilteo Schools Foundations presents Breakfast with an Author Fundraiser featuring former pilot Arthur Krull, author of "Hijacked" at Mariner High School. The book is a true story about a hijacking in January of 1987. The plane, piloted by Krull, safely arrived in Cuba, hoping the hijacker would get off. But instead he demanded to refuel and be taken to Iran. The flight crew and passengers devised a complicated and risky plan to secretly evacuate passengers. The book describes Krull's life as a civilian, military and commercial pilot and relates how his wife, Kathy, dealt with his career and especially how she managed their three young boys during the frightening hijacking ordeal. Tickets and information at: [mukilteoschoolsfoundation.org/events/](http://mukilteoschoolsfoundation.org/events/)



Jan. 29

Cultural Experience Collage

11 a.m.-noon. Free. In-person family art workshop. While borrowing abstract inspiration from Issei artist Kenjiro Nomura, participants play with collage and pastel methods to express the felt sense of ways our culture has shaped us. Cascadia Art Museum, 190 Sunset Ave. S, Edmonds. Register: [bit.ly/3HpURKK](http://bit.ly/3HpURKK).

Feb. 9

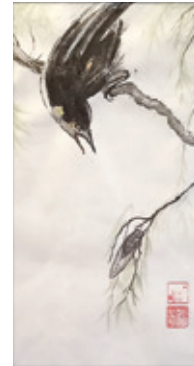
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ONGOING

Creative brush exhibition

The Rosehill Community Center hosts a creative brush exhibition featuring artists Paulette Hunter, Jennie Jung, Jamie Luce, Hyang Sil Park, and Hyeon-Yeon Hoffer. The exhibition runs through Jan. 26. The Rosehill Community Center is located at 304 Lincoln Ave., Mukilteo. The center is open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays.



Around Town Calendar is also available online at [edmondsbeacon.com](http://edmondsbeacon.com)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Beacon publishes nonprofit events, as space allows, open to the public in local areas. Although some events are now being held in person, many are still virtual on Zoom, Facebook, or other sites. It is recommended to call or email the event ahead of time to make sure a particular event is still happening. Businesses are free to determine whether they will continue to require masks, so be prepared for that as well. Submit calendar events two weeks in advance of Wednesday publication date to The Beacon through mail or online at [edmondsbeacon.com](http://edmondsbeacon.com). Select "Submit events to event calendar."

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Puzzle by Myles Mellor

**Across**

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8. Sharable ride
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12. Bring on
13. Golfer's concern
14. Take advantage of
15. Bacon and \_\_\_
16. Some exhibited work
17. Break in logic
19. Entrances
21. \_\_\_ door policy
23. Look around for best prices
26. Oblique
29. Public spat
30. Expanse with crests and currents
31. First grade book
32. Sans mixers
33. Tear up
34. R2D2, for one

**Down**

1. Essence
2. Prosperity
3. Geometry calculation
4. Thar \_\_\_ blows!
5. Overate, with "out"
6. Piano kin
7. Final grade factor
8. Didn't go together
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10. Invite to call
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20. Break out
22. It is mightier than the sword
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26. Freight volume
27. Break the \_\_\_
28. Picked up
29. Perceive
31. Hold onto
33. The \_\_\_ for wear
35. Dugout, for one
37. Calls for
38. Hop along happily
39. Spick-and-span
40. License plate, familiarly
41. "Many moons \_\_\_"
43. Huck Finn, e.g.

Bakery, ice cream for Main Street Commons

First locations for both in Snohomish County

BY BRIAN SOERGER  
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Mike McMurray's Main Street Commons has been busy lately: He's in the process of adding both ice cream and baked goods to his future site at Main Street and Sixth Avenue South, scheduled to open this year.

Copperpot Bakery currently delivers in the Seattle area only; Edmonds will be its first retail shop.

"Myself and Dominique Rose are combining forces to open the bakery in Edmonds," said Casey Cooper, who is from Austin, Texas, and said he has been baking for years.

"I've been doing some wholesale, some



Photo courtesy of Copperpot Bakery

Baguettes are among the many items to be offered by the Copperpot Bakery.

home deliveries, and some selling at the Tonnemaker Valley Farm in Woodinville."

Rose, who moved to the Pacific Northwest from California, where he ran a cater-

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▶ from **LOOKING BACK** page 2

On Aug. 19, Mayor Mike Nelson announced Bennett's selection as Edmonds' first police chief since Al Compaan's retirement at the end of 2019. Councilmembers unanimously confirmed her selection on Tuesday.

"She exemplifies the kind of leadership our department will thrive under," said Nelson. "Since stepping into the role of acting police chief, Ms. Bennett has displayed her community-minded approach to policing that reflects our Edmonds values of safety, care, and compassion."

**September**

**Vaccinations urged; 60 firefighters could lose their jobs**

Firefighters, EMTs and paramedics serving Edmonds need to get vaccinated by Oct. 18 or risk losing their jobs.

Gov. Jay Inslee's mandate that state workers, educational employees and health-care providers be fully vaccinated against the coronavirus is strongly opposed by the Washington

State Council of Firefighters and IAFF Local 1828.

In a letter to Inslee, the union said it wasn't against the vaccine, and that 80% of those it represents have been vaccinated.

Said South County Fire and Rescue Chief Hovis: "As public servants, we must comply with the laws and rules that govern our state and chosen profession. We have notified all South County Fire employees to take immediate action to comply with the tight deadlines."

**Andy Eccleshall adds another mural to Salish Crossing**

Edmonds muralist Andy Eccleshall has completed the third in a series of giant murals gracing the west walls of Salish Crossing shopping center in Edmonds.

It follows his "Welcome to Edmonds ... you've reached your destination" and one featuring a giant octopus. All were commissioned by Salish Crossing's new owners.

The new one implores visitors to "Explore Edmonds! Check out our other side!"

see **2021** page 11 ▶

**Vivian Olson is the new Council president**

Vivian Olson is the City Council president for 2022, while Diane Buckshnis is the president pro-tem.



Vivian Olson

Each year the City Council selects a president and a president pro tem to serve for the legislative year ahead.

The president sets the agenda for council meetings. The pro tem will take over if the president is absent.

Buckshnis nominated Olson, who was approved unanimously. Councilmember Neil Tibbott nominated Buckshnis, approved on a 5-2 vote. Previous President Susan Paine and Councilmember Laura Johnson voted against Buckshnis' appointment.

Paine had nominated Councilmember Kristiana Johnson for pro tem, but she declined. The council president earns \$20,600 a year, while all other councilmembers earn \$17,000 a year. Their pay includes \$8,735 in benefits.

The City Council disbanded the City's salary commission last year.

**AREASCHOOLS**

**Schools return to in-person learning**

The Edmonds School District returned to in-person learning on Monday, Jan. 3. The district said it will continue to follow guidance provided by the Washington State Department of Health and the Snohomish Health District to make decisions that support the health and safety of its students, families and staff.

Here are a few ways to support that health and safety:

- If you are experiencing COVID symptoms, please stay home and get tested and contact your student's school
- Get vaccinated, including a booster shot
- Avoid large gatherings
- Continue to wash your hands regularly
- Wear masks properly
- Maintain a social distance from others

The decision to transition to remote learning will be based on either the direction of the DOH, Snohomish Health District or the district's ability to have enough staff given absences due to illness.

Although the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention changed the nation's COVID-19 isolation and quarantine timelines, the Washington State Department of Health and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction have not updated their guidance for K-12 schools as of this time.

As a result, all quarantine and isolation timelines that were in effect for students and staff will remain the same until further notice. Details: [bit.ly/ESDCOVIDSafety](https://bit.ly/ESDCOVIDSafety).

▶ from **BAKERY & ICE CREAM** page 8

ing company, owns 314 Pie, a pie food truck and catering business. The food truck has visited farmers markets in Edmonds on occasion.

"I've always enjoyed visiting downtown

Edmonds, and it's exciting to see all the growth that's been happening there," said Cooper. "We're still ironing out the details with Michael and the general contractors, so I don't have a firm start date yet."

Molly Moon's ice cream, meanwhile, will be opening its first location in Snohomish

County.

The company, founded by CEO Molly Moon Nietzel in Seattle in 2008, has six locations in Seattle and the Eastside.

"We can't wait to be a part of this adorable city and wonderful community," the store wrote on its website.

▶ from **FIREMAN** page 4

It is going to be located just a block over from the new Civic Park, and there is no parking provided there. Where will all the visitors park, and will that support our downtown commercial zone or take away even more access? We should ask these questions and more.

There are also safety concerns:

- There is only a 12-foot, 2-inch entrance to the alley at Sixth, with poor visibility.
- No set-back, zero lot line, resulting in difficulty getting in and out of garages safely.
- Where will moving trucks or delivery vehicles park without blocking the alley?
- Is there adequate emergency vehicle access and parking?
- Increased traffic with a minimum 24 more vehicles entering and exiting a very cramped space.
- Department of Ecology wrote a letter with concerns about contamination at the site and runoff downhill.

The comprehensive plan says that "any growth or development should strive to preserve light, privacy and freedom from visual pollution." Not followed here.

Edmonds is uniquely called "The Gem of Puget Sound," and follows our existing comprehensive plan growth management goals.

Mimicking Lynnwood or Ballard-style redevelopment is not in our goals, and it states: "While general decisions on how the region will grow are made collaboratively at a regional level, it is up to each community to determine how to implement this vision and the desired growth level at the local level."

We do have a choice - it is not inevitable.

I hope our City Council is paying attention to this.

Once this goes through (legal or not), it can't be challenged or changed. Do we want this and future for-profit oversized development, to override the needs and wishes of the citizens of Edmonds?

This could be only just the beginning. It

could happen to your neighborhood. This developer-driven focus on up zoning Edmonds for maximum profit vs a citizen-focused community vision to "maintain unique local character" is not consistent with the goals of our current comprehensive plan.

Please speak up as this is still only in the application phase, and it is not too late.

**Meadowdale Athlete of the Week**



Eben-Ezer Eskinder Sarka is a 6'4" first year member of the Meadowdale Boys' Basketball program and a welcome addition to the Mavs on the hardwood. During the last game before the Winter Break, Eben stepped up when an injured teammate went down and led the team in scoring for the week, including a 13 point performance at home vs. Marysville-Pilchuck. In addition to his efforts on the court, Eben likes to hang out with friends and is working hard on his studies posting A's and B's. Upon graduation, Eben plans to attend the University of Washington where he would like to study electrical engineering. That is why Eben Sarka is our Meadowdale High School Athlete of the Week.



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thanks to Santa Jim who made over a dozen "sleigh" runs and someday he made two. Those 290 kids had glee on their faces and warmth in their hearts on Christmas Day. Everyone should feel delight in their hearts as once again, we had another successful year of giving.


Should you wish to donate to this cause, please contact us at Rotary at [www.edmondsrotary.com](http://www.edmondsrotary.com) and donate (specify for CASA). For more information about CASA visit [ww.bit.ly/3EGQIR2](http://ww.bit.ly/3EGQIR2).

Funds that were spent will be used for our new Literacy Project, which is a partnership with CASA, Rotary and Edmonds Bookshop. Over 200 books were purchased this year, so as volunteers can read to them and then leave the book with the child.


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*Santa Jim, Tom and Gary, Elves Sharalyn, Skylar, Nina, Diane, Lindsay, Joelle, Kay and all CASA volunteers*

**Edmonds-Woodway Athlete of the Week**




This week's Edmonds Woodway athlete of the week is senior Boys Basketball player Jacob Gabler. Gabler has the EWHS basketball team off to a great start this season in league play at 2-1. As a two year starter, Gabler is leading the team in rebounding and blocks to start the season. Coach Robert Brown has been happy with his contributions to the team. He says, "Gabler has been a steady force for us all season. He has the ability to score inside and out which makes him a good offensive player. We are excited for the 2nd half of the season and what Jacob can bring to the team."



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## Frederick Peter Langer Jr.: 1960-2021

Frederick Peter Langer, Jr., 60, of Ruston, Wash., passed away Dec. 17, 2021, from a long-term illness. He was born to Carole Langer Wilson and Frederick Peter Langer Sr. on Dec. 31, 1960, at Fort Bragg, N.C. Fred was raised with his sisters by their mother in Carnegie, Penn. There he made lifelong friends where, together, they learned life lessons by pulling colorful hijinks and having mutually supportive friendships.

Fred graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor's in health planning administration, though his career dreams were to become a nurse or attorney.

He then graduated with a bachelor's in nursing from the University of Utah. He cared for many fragile children at Primary Children's in Salt Lake City, and then at Swedish Hospital/Fred Hutchison Cancer Research

Center in Seattle. Fred graduated with his JD from Seattle University in 1995. He was an accomplished attorney with Nelson Langer Engle. He won many accolades and cases throughout his years at the firm, and he was respected by clients and others in the legal community.

He was a great mentor to other attorneys as well. In addition, he served as president of Public Hospital District No. 2 for many years and was instrumental in the establishment of Verdant Health Commission, a public resource working to improve the health of South Snohomish County residents.



Fred was a kind, smart, and candid man with a great sense of humor. He always lent a helping hand and was willing to help and teach others his crafts. He loved his sons, Joshua Terrance Langer and Zachary Aiden Langer.

We remember with fondness the fun, crazy ways he engaged with the boys, such as, baby tricks, Duckerville and poop trucks. Fred was a wonderful and devoted uncle to his nephews, David Mercado, Daniel J. Lustig, and Alex Khan, and his niece Natasha Khan. In his free time, he enjoyed sports, traveling, cooking, and playing guitar and banjo.

Fred is survived by his son Josh Langer, his constant companion Dana Bassen, his mother Carole Wilson, and sisters Elizabeth Langer Khan and Alicia Langer. Fred was preceded in death by his son, Zach Langer, his father, Fred Langer, his sister, Sharon Langer Lustig, and his nephew, Nicholas James Mercado.

There will be no public viewing. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6215 196th St. SW, Lynnwood. The service will be lived streamed for those who cannot come in person: <https://youtu.be/oiOgPrPtRtQ>.

To honor Fred's memory, please consider making a donation to Esperanza International, a service through which he built many homes in Tijuana, <https://esperanzaint.org>, or the Brain Injury Alliance of Washington, <https://www.biawa.org>.

## Kenneth Wayne Armstrong: 1934-2021

Kenneth Wayne Armstrong passed peacefully in his sleep late Saturday evening, Dec. 18, 2021, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

He was born in Chicago to Ode Belle and Hayden Armstrong. He grew up in Sand Point, Idaho, with his mother and stepfather, Dutch Kohlman. He attended the University of Washington and Gonzaga University, in Spokane, where he met and married his wife of 61 years, Catherine (Thompson) Armstrong.

Ken and Kate moved to Seattle, then Edmonds, where they raised four children: Peter, John (wife, Lucia Armstrong) Margaret, and Elizabeth (husband, Matthew Quick).

He will be remembered fondly by their grandchildren: Natasha, Stephen, John, Peter, Jacob, and Benjamin, and their great-granddaughter, Lily, as well as many nieces and nephews.

After college, Ken worked as a high school history

and English teacher and coached football and basketball. He worked at Farmers Insurance as a senior claims adjuster and, in his spare time, kept busy with his many hobbies, including carpentry, gardening, painting, cooking, and attending kids' sporting events, and he loved reading and writing philosophy. He had a sharp and robust wit and was devoted to his family.

Upon retirement, Ken and Kate moved to the Green Lake neighborhood in Seattle, where they made more lifelong friendships before Ken moved to an assisted living facility.

A funeral mass was held Jan. 6, 2022, at Sacred Heart Church in Bellevue at 10:30 a.m. A private burial will follow, where Ken will be laid to rest at Holyrood Cemetery in Shoreline.

Please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in lieu of flowers.

## Bill Borgert, Ed.D. 1930-2021

Bill passed away on Dec. 27, 2021 at the age of 91 years old. He is survived by his wife Margie; daughters Suzanne (Bernard) Ciernick and Maria (Michael) Prestel; and five grandchildren: William, Tony, Jacob, Sophia, and Richard Ciernick.

He was the youngest of seven siblings. Bill was born in Wolf Point, Montana in 1930. He grew up in Gig Harbor, Washington where he attended school. Bill graduated from Seattle University with a BA and MA and a Doctorate from the University of Idaho.

Bill was hired as an elementary school teacher in Edmonds, Wash. He was principal at Lynndale, Snoline and Beverly Elementary. He also served as Assistant Superintendent in the Edmonds School District. When Bill retired from public school he was hired by Seattle University to institute and coordinate the department of Professional Development. He was also the coordinator



of Teacher Placement and taught education courses in the College of Education.

Bill was a long-time member of Holy Rosary Church in Edmonds where he volunteered in a variety of positions. He was a lifetime member of the Lynnwood Elks Lodge and Snohomish County teachers' association. In retirement he continued to devote free time to Seattle University and the

University of Idaho as a member of their Advisory Councils.

Remembrances may be made to Seattle University, College of Education or the University of Idaho, College of Education endowments.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, January 7, 2022, 10:30 a.m. at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Edmonds; with a Committal following at Edmonds Memorial Cemetery.

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## Police Beat

### Dec. 30

#### Could have been worse

Female observed slumped over in vehicle arrested for DUI. Vehicle search warrant sought for observed drug items. Drug diversion referral services offered. 18800 block 89th Ave. W.

#### No penalty for withdrawal

Money withdrawn from bank account without permission. No suspect information. 22700 block 76th Ave. W.

### Dec. 29

#### Broken legs

Male claimed to be run over by vehicle, causing two broken legs. 21800 block 76th Ave. W.

#### Store employee assaulted

Suspect who stole items from business and fled out emergency exit assaulted employee who attempted to intervene. The suspect was not located. 21900 block Highway 99.

### Dec. 28

#### Tom cats meow

Third party report of disturbance between two men at a

condo complex. Subjects were gone prior to police arrival. 8700 block 238th St. SW.

#### Panicked room

Officers assisted homeowner with accessing room accidentally locked with child inside. 8121 236th St. SW.

### Dec. 27

#### NVM

Juvenile ran away to friends house initially refused to return. Subject later returned home. 7300 block 224th St. SW.

#### Global warning

Handgun reported lost while out walking in the snow. 8800 block 236th St. SW.

### Dec. 26

#### Bad ending

Residence burglarized while homeowner on vacation. 500 block Ninth Ave. S.

#### Outstanding

Contact with occupants of illegally parked vehicle results

in arrest of male for outstanding warrant. 22200 block Highway 99.

### Dec. 25

#### Oh holy crap

Suspect observed remotely via security cameras attempting to prowl vehicles at business. The suspect removed/stole security cameras during the incident and was not located. 22400 block Highway 99.

#### Do they know it's Christmas?

Passerby reported two males that had just broken into a vacant business. Nobody was located inside. 21500 block Highway 99.

### Dec. 24

#### Nightmare before Christmas

Resident's email account compromised and unauthorized solicitation for money sent to all contacts. 7400 block Braemar Drive.

#### Needs a resolution

Stolen vehicle with subject slumped over in driver's seat

located. Subject attempted to run from vehicle but was arrested nearby. 22200 block Highway 99.

### Dec. 23

#### Sweet-smelling thief

Female stole unknown quantity of perfume from store and fled. The suspect was not located. 24100 block Highway 99.

#### Train vs. car

Abandoned vehicle struck by train, no injuries. 300 Sunset Ave. N.

### Dec. 22

#### Not taking

Subject previously trespassed from location returned and was arrested. 21900 block Highway 99.

#### Act now

Gift card scam. Victim responded unsolicited contact by subject claiming to be company representative. 7900 block 194th Place SW.

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## School attendance, staffing levels drop

The coronavirus pandemic continues to leave its mark on the Edmonds School District, with enrollment numbers significantly down, and Edmonds-Woodway and Meadowdale high schools both reporting positive COVID cases.

While enrollment was expected to drop by about 200 students, figures after the first four days of school show that number is 345, said Assistant Superintendent Greg Schwab at a school board meeting Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Although Superintendent Gustavo Balderas did not link Gov. Jay Inslee's order that all K-12 teachers and staff in Washington state could be fired if they aren't fully vaccinated by Oct. 18, he did hint that COVID has certainly affected the district's employee numbers.

"We're hiring. So anybody that's listening, we're hiring," he said.

### October

## School district wants bond vote reduced from 60% approval

To address escalating capital demands, the Edmonds School District is asking the state

Legislature for a constitutional amendment to change the bond validation rate from a 60% supermajority to a 50%, plus one, majority of ballots cast.

While a school levy passes with a simple majority, a bond requires 60% approval. In recent years, the district has been on the losing end of bond votes.

## Donated 1-acre site on Bowdoin Way will be used for a park or public garden

Empty lots for sale in Edmonds quickly

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According to the City, multifamily dwellings in the BD2 zone "must be located on the second floor or behind first 45 feet from sidewalk or rights-of-way."

The first three structures on the north side of Sixth and Main are classified as BD2. The first is a residential structure; 605 and 611 are businesses, including Bench and Board at 605 Main (formerly Salon Beige Blonde) and law offices, medical services, and other businesses at 611 Main.

The project site contains 9,889 square feet across two parcels, and the current structures on the parcels will be demolished to make room for the apartment building.

A subsequent lot line adjustment would combine the two parcels into a single lot for the construction of the apartment building.

The board's recommendation is to provide

guidance to the applicant on design review guidelines and continue to a date certain for Phase 2 of the public hearing.

According to Edmonds ordinance, proposed developments that require State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) approval are reviewed by the Architectural Design Board (ADB).

District-based design reviews in BD zones are reviewed by the ADB in a two-phase public hearing process. The ADB provides design review guidance during Phase 1 of the process and will issue a decision following the Phase 2 public hearing.

The Phase 2 public hearing date was to be set at the Jan. 5 meeting. The ADB's decision on such applications is a Type III-A decision. (That is, a combination of building construction comprised of exterior walls of masonry or concrete and roof/floors of combustible material that has been treated to have at least a one-hour fire-resistance rating.)



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fall to hungry developers, but there's one on Bowdoin Way that's off-limits, thanks to a generous gift from a longtime resident.

Before she died in January, Shirley A. Johnson (nee Spicer) worked to donate her 1.14-acre property at 9309 Bowdoin Way to the City of Edmonds to be used as a park or community garden to cultivate and grow plants, fruits, vegetables for the citizens of Edmonds and the local community as the City deemed best.

"It's a fantastic parcel," said Parks Director Angie Feser. "It's an incredibly generous donation."

**November**

**Tibbott defeats Fraley-Monillas; Johnson wins again**

After several more counts following the Nov. 2 general election, it's clear that Neil Tibbott will take over the Position 3 City Council seat held by Adrienne Fraley-Monillas for 12 years. He won with more than 60% of the vote.

Incumbent Kristiana Johnson, meanwhile, has defeated challenger Alicia Crank for Position 1, winning 32 of the city's 51 voting precincts. She wins her third term.

And Will Chen has beaten Janelle Cass in a race for the seat Position 2, which became

vacant after appointed Councilmember Luke Distelhorst finished third in the primary.

**Public Works Director Phil Williams leaving**

Public Works Director Phil Williams will be leaving his role with the City of Edmonds to take a similar position in Redmond. His last day will be Nov. 22.

"This will likely be a fairly short stint in Redmond, probably six months or so – they are aware of that – and will be followed by 'retirement,' whatever that looks like," said Williams.

This follows a recent announcement of the retirement of Economic Development Services Director Patrick Doherty.

**December**

**Beacon Publishing observing a milestone: 35 years**

The beginning of what would become Beacon Publishing and its community of newspapers began 35 years ago, Thursday, Dec. 2, 1986, with the publication of The Edmonds Paper, founded and owned by Daniel Woodside.

In December 1998, Beacon Publishing's Paul Archipley purchased the biweekly paper from Woodside. After keeping the name of the publication for two years, the first edition

of the renamed Edmonds Beacon was published in January 2001.

**'A cast of fools': Sanction attempt fails**

In the final analysis, Councilmember Adrienne Fraley-Monillas – in her penultimate appearance as an Edmonds City Council member – may have said it best.

"We are being looked at as a cast of fools," she said toward the end of a marathon, five-hour council meeting Tuesday that included heated public comment on the streateries – both for and against – but ended on an attempt to sanction Council President Susan Paine.

A major part of the complaint was that Paine had moved up the final budget hearing to prevent a new councilmember, Will Chen, from having a vote on his first day as a member. Paine wanted then-Councilmember Luke Distelhorst, who lost an attempt to retain his appointed seat, to vote instead.

The move to sanction failed on a 4-3 vote. Ironically, it was Chen who provided the swing vote against the sanction.

**Bridget Hanley dies; family donated Log Cabin to the city**

Bridget Hanley was a small-town girl from Edmonds with big dreams of making it big

in Hollywood. And like Anna Faris, another Edmonds actor decades later, those dreams were realized through hard work and determination.

Hanley died Dec. 15 at age 80. She had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and recently received care from the staff at Harry's Haven at the Motion Picture Home in Calabasas, Calif.

Hanley is best remembered for her starring role as Candy Pruitt in "Here Come the Brides" on ABC.

Locally, Hanley is remembered for her and her family's donating and then saving what is now known as the Log Cabin Visitors Center on Fifth Avenue North.

**Pay up: Amended amendment fails**

That escalated rapidly.

One political move erased another Monday night in a remarkable display of political one-upmanship among Edmonds City Councilmembers, with two not showing up and two others leaving the meeting before a decision was to have been made.

Then there's the issue of a disputed agenda notice.

The result: The approval of amending the streateries decision that passed Thursday, Dec. 18, stands due to a lack of quorum, with only three of the seven councilmembers remaining: Council President Susan Paine and Councilmembers Adrienne Fraley-Monillas and Laura Johnson.

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ing the 11 will receive a refund or have the chance to opt out.

The 11 are Rusty Pelican, Salt & Iron, The Mar-Ket, Leftcraft, Maize & Barley, Las Brisas, A Very Taki Tiki, Engel's Pub, Santa Fe Mexican Grill & Cantina, Daphnes, and The Loft.

Fire and the Feast was scheduled to pay Jan. 5, according to Development Services

Director Susan McLaughlin.

Not paying are Salish Sea Brewing Co., Chanterelle, Claire's, Kelnero, and Barkada.

Restaurants have through the end of Jan. 15 to pay the fee.

The \$2,000 figure was determined after much back-and-forth Tuesday night. Councilmember Susan Paine had proposed a fee of \$200 a month for the duration of Gov. Jay Inslee's emergency order in regards to COVID.

Both Paine and Councilmember Laura

Johnson spoke of streateries in terms of the City's continuing response to COVID, not about the streateries per se.

But Kristiana Johnson quickly proposed a substitute amendment of \$750 a month – \$3,000 total. For that figure, she pointed to a letter from the Downtown Edmonds Merchants Association and restaurant streatery participants supporting a \$500-\$750 monthly charge to maintain the structures (see bit.ly/3JJYBIP).

Kristiana Johnson and Council President Vivian Olson both argued that Inslee's order allowing restaurants to have full capacity took hold in June. Councilmember Diane Buckshnis also argued that, according to an article in USA Today, streateries are no safer than inside restaurant dining.

It was Olson who offered the \$500 a month amount, or \$2,000 for four months. It passed 5-2, with Olson, Will Chen, Laura Johnson, Kristiana Johnson, and new Coun-

cilmember Will Chen supporting. Buckshnis then made an amendment that would not allow restaurants with established outdoor seating to have streateries, but it failed.

The fees collected from the restaurants are to go toward renting parking spaces after streatery-related administrative costs are taken into account.

"I want to thank the City Council for working together on a compromise, that our local downtown business owners can support, to continue to operate the streatery program at a more reasonable cost," said Mayor Mike Nelson.

"As the number of COVID-19 cases continues, providing options for outdoor dining remains critical for the safety of our residents and the economic viability of our local downtown core. Having our City Council and business community working collaboratively to keep the streateries open is in the best interest of our city."

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